

## **KLA Executive Board Report A-12**

### **Kentucky Dept. for Libraries and Archives**

**September 2010**

#### Budget

We have reduced our budget by an additional 1.5% as required to balance the state's budget for this year. At the same time we are taking our furlough days, waiting for our new health insurance plan, and anticipating the possibility of another cut later this year.

#### Broadband Stimulus Grant

We have been notified that NTIA has awarded KDLA a grant for \$1.3 for computers and training for 60 public libraries across the state. This will bring more than 500 additional computers to public libraries and upgrade 300 others in addition to providing other equipment. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is providing a match of \$395,000 which includes 2 years of support for applying for e-rate funding by the libraries, enabling them to continue to support the equipment after the grant period ends.

Our grant with Workforce Development continues with 10 libraries participating.

#### Scholarships for public library staff members

Our partnership with NKU and BCTC is entering its second year and 13 new scholarships were awarded. We expect 67 students to take advantage this fall to take undergraduate classes. The Certification Board provided 6 scholarships this fall – 3 for graduate level classes and 3 for undergraduate level classes. KDLA will provide about 15 scholarships for graduate work. So we expect to fund about 90 scholarships for public library staff members this fall.

#### Leadership Institute for Public Library Staff

The second session of the Leadership Institute was held in August. The evaluations of the sessions have been positive and we are looking forward to the next session Sept. 8-9.

#### Public Library Development

The new Owsley County Public Library was dedicated in July. The new Rowan County Public Library opened on Aug. 30. Ground was broken for the new Meade County Public Library on Sept. 7 and the new Trimble County Public Library on Sept. 10.

Repairs to the Olive Hill Branch of the Carter County Public Library are continuing following the flood this spring that destroyed the library. The library building that serves Ballard, Carlisle and Livingston Counties is past repair and has been closed temporarily as the counties look for a long term solution.

#### Courier Service negotiations

Charlene Davis served on the team that managed the negotiations for the new courier service for KYVL. The negotiations and the migration to the new courier service went very smoothly with minimal disruption in service.

#### Annual Reports

The annual reports required from each public library are due August 31. For the first time this year, KDLA is requiring copies of the library's audit to be submitted before distributing state aid checks. KDLA is also reviewing reports on how many board meetings were held and how many of these meetings were attended by the library's trustees. State law requires that trustees who miss 4 meetings in a year resign from the board.

#### Trustee Certification

At the initiative of Paul Poland, a committee has been appointed to consider the possibility of library trustee certification. We have been gathering information from Kansas and Nebraska on their trustee certification programs and we have met with the staff of the Kentucky School Boards Association to get details on the school board certification program that is a legal requirement. The committee will be meeting in September to consider the idea.

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